

REMARKS

New claim 14 is added. New claim 14 contains no impermissible new matter. Therefore, claims 1-14 are the claims currently pending in the Application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for foreign priority and the receipt of the priority document.

Applicant further thanks the Examiner for reviewing and considering the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statements filed on December 28, 2000, August 20, 2003, and October 8, 2003.

Rejection of Claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kraft et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,463,278. This rejection is traversed.

According to an aspect of Applicant's claimed invention, the schedule management device registers a utilization environment schedule that includes the place information of the device or of the unit at scheduled times.¹ Independent claims 1 and 14 require, *inter alia*, a utilization environment registration section configured to register and to refer to a utilization environment schedule for each time zone of the user. Further, independent claims 6 and 10 require, *inter alia*, a utilization environment registration step for registration in a schedule management device of and reference to a utilization

¹ Applicant does not represent that every embodiment of Applicant's claimed invention necessarily provides the solutions herein discussed.

environment schedule containing a utilization environment for each time zone of said user.

Kraft discloses a portable telephone in which settings for various phone functions may be set and stored, and a mode is automatically selected based on parameters detected at the time of an incoming call (Kraft, Abstract). In particular, Kraft discloses that: (1) the mode may be controlled according to the position of the telephone received from a base station and the time (Kraft col. 1, lines 61-63); (2) based on day of the week and time of day parameters, modes may be selected, such that for example on-duty hours, from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday, Office, meeting or factory modes are selected (Kraft col. 4, lines 51-55; tables 2 & 3); (3) based on the time and day of the week of the call received, a mode, including the call alert function of the mode, is selected (Kraft, Table 3, Mode No. 2 [office], Mode No. 3 [meeting], and Mode No. 4 [factory], defines the time of the mode, while Table 2, at col. 4, maps Mode Nos. 2, 3 & 4 to Table 1, No. 8, specifying various ringing, beeper and silent settings of the call alert function); (4) the mode can include the call alert function which may be set at normal ringing, ring once, just beep, or as silenced with a vibrator unit (Kraft, col. 4, lines 3-5; Table 1, No. 8); and (5) at the moment of an incoming call, the position of the phone determines which of the three modes, office, meeting, or factory is to be used for an on-duty hour incoming call (Kraft, col. 4, lines 51-55), or outside of this period an off-duty mode will be selected, unless an accessory is detected (Kraft, col. 4, lines 55-57).

Kraft does not disclose or suggest that the schedule of the utilization environment includes the place of information, and that this utilization environment is

registered in the schedule management device. Therefore, Kraft does not disclose or suggest a utilization environment registration section configured to register and to refer to a utilization environment schedule for each time zone of the user, as *inter alia*, required by independent claims 1 and 14, nor a utilization environment registration step for registration in a schedule management device of and reference to a utilization environment schedule containing a utilization environment for each time zone of said user, as *inter alia*, required by independent claims 6 and 10.

That is, Kraft discloses that the portable telephone's place, and hence the user's place, is determined by using the base station information. (Kraft, col. 1, line 64-col. 2, line 1). For this reason, the problem that a place of the portable telephone cannot be determined may occur outside of the cell area, during a circuit confusion condition, or during an electric wave activity prohibition area. In addition, in the boundary area of a plurality of base stations, since the electric wave of a different area may be received or the condition of having received the weak electric wave may be maintained, a caller ID and an actual place may not be in agreement. Therefore, Kraft does not disclose or suggest the recitations of independent claims 1, 6, 10 and 14.

Claims 2-5 depend from independent claim 1; claims 7-9 depend from independent claim 6; and claims 11-13 depend from independent claim 10. Therefore, claims 2-5, 7-9, and 11-13 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art for at least the reasons that their respective base claims are patentably distinguishable over the prior art.

In addition, Kraft does not disclose or suggest notification using a display, as *inter alia*, required by claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 13 and 14. Nor does Kraft disclose or suggest

notification using an arbitrary combination of notification means, including a display, as further, *inter alia*, required by claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 13 and 14.

For at least the reasons set forth in the foregoing discussion, Applicant believes that the Application is now allowable and respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejections and allow the Application. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment or regarding the Application generally, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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